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Proposed post reclassification from D-1 to D-2 under subprogramme 2 of section 26, Humanitarian assistance

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The extrabudgetary proposals for 2006-2007 reflected in section 26, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 include, inter alia, the reclassification of the post of the Director of the new Coordination and Response Division from D-1 to D-2 under subprogramme 2 (see A/60/6 (Sect. 26), paras. 26.11 and 26.12).

2. Prior to the consideration of section 26 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980, which requires that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee must be obtained for the establishment of all extrabudgetary posts at the D-1 level and above, the Secretary-General submitted a letter detailing his request for the above-mentioned reclassification.

3. In its response, the Advisory Committee noted that the new Coordination and Response Division would be at the heart of the programme of work of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and responsible for the implementation of one of its core mandates. Accordingly, the Committee is of the opinion that the post of the Director of the Division should be funded from the regular budget.

4. Should the view expressed by the Advisory Committee be implemented, approval of the reclassification of an existing regular budget D-1 post under subprogramme 2 of section 26 to the D-2 level would be required, resulting in additional resources in the amount of $28,400 net ($35,600 gross) under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

5. However, should no action be taken on the view of the Advisory Committee, an existing D-1 post funded from extrabudgetary resources would be reclassified to

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the D-2 level under the same subprogramme. This would entail no financial implications for the regular budget.

6. **Accordingly, the General Assembly may wish to consider approving the reclassification of the post of the Director of the new Coordination and Response Division from D-1 to D-2 under subprogramme 2 of section 26, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.**